

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 26, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2384 - HB 2358**

This bill, if enacted, will require the Department of Education to develop and implement an ongoing program of technical support and assistance to ensure that:

1. all teachers possess skills and resources necessary to utilize modern computer technology in daily instruction in the classroom, and
2. all students receive instruction and training in the capabilities and usage of modern computer technology.

The Department of Education is required to make available workshops and seminars, recommend methods for evaluating teacher utilization of computer technology and student learning, offer in-service training, evaluate new computer hardware and software, and offer assistance to local education agencies (LEAs).

Each LEA will be required to designate at least one employee to serve as *classroom computer technology coordinator*. Each superintendent will be required to file an implementation plan with the department and file an annual report with the department detailing the current status of the implementation plan. Failure of an LEA to designate a *classroom computer technology coordinator* or file the implementation plan or annual status report would subject the LEA to withholding of state funds.

Currently, each LEA has one technology coordinator who focuses primarily on hardware and software issues required within the system. However, because the focus of this bill is primarily on coordination and interaction with teachers, the Department of Education assumes that at least one additional classroom coordinator per system will be required.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$36,000 and an increase in local government expenditures* of approximately \$4,761,000. This estimate is based on the addition of one classroom coordinator per LEA at an average salary of \$25,000 plus benefits of \$6,250 and a personal computer at a cost of \$3,000. At the state level, one additional employee will be required to support the additional technology coordinators at an estimated salary of \$29,000 plus benefits of \$7,250. Details are shown below:

139 classroom coordinators @ \$25,000	\$3,475,000
Benefits @ \$6,250 x 139	868,750
Computers @ \$3,000 x 139	<u>417,000</u>
Increase in Local Govt. Expenditures	<u>\$4,760,750</u>
1 technology coordinator @ \$29,000	\$29,000
Benefits @ \$7,250	<u>7,250</u>
Increase in State Expenditures	<u>\$36,250</u>

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*